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Attorney's Docket No. 83,099

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Richard BECKMAN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: 60/290,401	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: May 11, 2001	)	
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For: LOST 2 – A POSITIONING SYSTEM	)	
FOR UNDERWATER VESSELS	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the Request to Convert the Provisional Application to a Non-provisional Application and prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly add new claims 1-16 to the Application as shown on the enclosed paper entitled "Claims".

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submit new claims 1-16 for the above referenced application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.53(c)(3). Support for these new claims is contained in the existing specification. Applicants respectfully submit a Petition to Convert the above Provisional Application to a Non-provisional Application with this Amendment. Applicants will submit a supplementary preliminary amendment. Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.